

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

The applicants thank the Examiner for his kind allowance of claims 1-6 and 8-26 in the Final Office Action dated February 16, 2005. All non allowed claims (i.e., Claims 7 and 27) have been cancelled. Accordingly, only allowed claims remain in the application. No new matter has been introduced. Therefore, allowed Claims 1-6 & 8-26 are currently pending in the application. Reconsideration and allowance are hereby requested.

Conclusion:

In view of the foregoing amendments and remarks, it is respectfully submitted that the claimed invention as presently presented is patentable over the art of record and that this case is now in condition for allowance.

Should the Examiner, for any reason, wish to contact the undersigned, he is cordially invited to do so at his convenience. Moreover, if the Examiner has any continuing concerns regarding this case, he is invited to contact the undersigned at (650) 961-8300.

Respectfully submitted,

BEYER WEAVER & THOMAS, LLP



Francis T. Kalinski II
Registration No. 44,177

P.O. Box 70250
Oakland, CA 94612-0250
Telephone: (650) 961-8300